

STATEMENT OF P.O. JANET MONDRAGON

CONDUCTED BY INVESTIGATOR KILLEN

ON OCTOBER 21, 2014 AT 0529 HOURS

AT AREA CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS

1072125

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1 KILLEN: This is the audio recorded interview of Officer
2 Janet Mondragon regarding Log number 1072125 U
3 number 14 dash 36. Today is the 21st of October
4 2014. And the time is approximately 0529 hours.
5 This statement is bein' taken at Area Central
6 Police Headquarters. My name is Investigator
7 Killen, that's spelled K I L L E N. My star
8 number is 1 2 9. Also present in the room is uh
9 attorney Dan Herbert. If you would Dan.
10 HERBERT: Sure Dan, D A N, Herbert, H E R B E R T.
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12 KILLEN: And uh also is uh FOP Field Representative
13 Kriston Kato.
14 KATO: First name is Kriston, K R I S T O N. Last name
15 K A T O. FOP Field Representative.
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17 KILLEN: All right Officer Mondragon if you would say and
18 spell your first and last names for me.
19 P.O.MONDRAGON: Um Officer Janet, J A N E T, Mondragon, M O
20 N D R A G O N.
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22 KILLEN: All right and what's your star number?
23 P.O.MONDRAGON: 4 3 6 4.
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25 KILLEN: And your employee number?
26 P.O.MONDRAGON: [REDACTED]
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28 KILLEN: All right and your date of appointment with the
29 Department?
30 P.O.MONDRAGON: April 1st, 2007.
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32 KILLEN: All right and your date of birth?

1 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh [REDACTED]
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3 KILLEN: All right and your current unit of assignment is?
4 P.O.MONDRAGON: Eight.
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6 KILLEN: Okay and how long you been to 8th District?
7 P.O.MONDRAGON: Um since I started so seven and half years
8 ago.
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10 KILLEN: Since the beginning?
11 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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13 KILLEN: Okay. And are you prepared to give the
14 statement?
15 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes. This statement is not being given
16 voluntarily but under duress. I'm only givin'
17 this statement because I know I will be fired if
18 I refuse.
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20 KILLEN: And you are aware that this statement has the
21 standing of an official Department report. And
22 that any intentional falsification of any answer
23 to any question would be in direct violations of
24 rules and regulations? Do you understand that?
25 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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27 KILLEN: Given that, I'd like to remind you that failure
28 to provide a complete and accurate account of
29 this incident could result in a finding of a
30 violation of Rule 14 with discipline leading up
31 to and including separation from the Chicago
32 Police Department. Do you understand that?

1 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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3 KILLEN: All right then on 20 October 2014 at
4 approximately 2150 hours what was your duty
5 status and assignment?
6 P.O.MONDRAGON: We were on routine patrol.
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8 KILLEN: Okay so we'll start with uh on 20 October 2014
9 what time did you start work?
10 P.O.MONDRAGON: 2100.
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12 KILLEN: And you were assigned a partner?
13 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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15 KILLEN: And who's your partner?
16 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh Officer Sebastian.
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18 KILLEN: Okay. And you and Officer Sebastian the two of
19 you were in full uniform?
20 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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22 KILLEN: And you and Officer Sebastian you were assigned a
23 vehicle?
24 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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26 KILLEN: And what kinda vehicle?
27 P.O.MONDRAGON: Um marked squad car.
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29 KILLEN: Okay was that a car or a Tahoe?
30 P.O.MONDRAGON: It's a Ford Explorer.
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1 KILLEN: Ford Explorer. Okay. Uh do you remember the
2 outside number on it?

3 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes. 8 7 7 9.
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5 KILLEN: Were you the driver or the passenger?

6 P.O.MONDRAGON: Driver.
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8 KILLEN: Okay. And then on 20 October 2014 at
9 approximately 2150 hours you and Officer
10 Sebastian were witnesses to a police-involved
11 shooting correct?

12 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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14 KILLEN: Okay. And start from the beginning just tell me
15 how you became involved in that?

16 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh we were responding to a call the officers
17 were askin' for more cars.
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19 KILLEN: Okay do you remember why they were askin' for
20 more cars?

21 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh yes they stated that um they had a call
22 about someone breakin' into cars. And uh the
23 offender that was on scene um had a knife. So
24 they were lookin' for a car with a taser.
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26 KILLEN: Okay. Do you carry a taser?

27 P.O.MONDRAGON: No.
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29 KILLEN: Does Officer Sebastian?

30 P.O.MONDRAGON: No.
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1 KILLEN: So you, you and you hear the call over the radio
2 correct?
3 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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5 KILLEN: So you're going as one of the assists?
6 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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8 KILLEN: Okay. Do you remember where you were at when you
9 heard the call?
10 P.O.MONDRAGON: We were around 55th and uh what's that
11 Kostner.
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13 KILLEN: So then so you drive --
14 P.O.MONDRAGON: We were driving westbound on 55th Street.
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16 KILLEN: Okay so the, the call for the assist would be
17 where?
18 P.O.MONDRAGON: It was uh I believe 40th and uh Kildare.
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20 KILLEN: So you, you, you had that (inaudible)
21 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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23 KILLEN: Okay so do you come up Pulaski?
24 P.O.MONDRAGON: Actually I went down Kostner, northbound on
25 Kostner.
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27 KILLEN: Okay.
28 P.O.MONDRAGON: From 55th.
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30 KILLEN: Okay so start from the beginning so you go north
31 on Kostner and what happens?

1 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh I go northbound on Kostner then I take
2 Archer Avenue and then I go down Pulaski.
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4 KILLEN: Okay.
5 P.O.MONDRAGON: Going northbound towards 40th.
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7 KILLEN: And what happens when you get to 40th?
8 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh when we get, well when we get to 40th uh
9 there's a car in front of us already. Which I
10 believe it's 845 Robert. So I'm right behind them
11 and uh when we get to 40th Street they turn, I
12 turn right behind 'em. Um as I'm turning I see
13 the officer running.
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15 KILLEN: You know who that is?
16 P.O.MONDRAGON: Um Officer McElligott.
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18 KILLEN: Okay.
19 P.O.MONDRAGON: I see 'em running across the Burger King
20 parking lot. There's a Burger King there.
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22 KILLEN: Hmm huh.
23 P.O.MONDRAGON: He's running. So as he's running I come and
24 I see 845 Robert keeps going and I do a turn to
25 go back onto Pulaski.
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27 KILLEN: Okay so when you saw Officer McElligott did you
28 see the offender also?
29 P.O.MONDRAGON: I didn't see him.
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31 KILLEN: Okay so the only person you see if Officer
32 McElligott?

1 P.O.MONDRAGON: I, yeah outta the corner of my eye I saw --
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3 KILLEN: Okay so you go north on Pulaski when you get to
4 40th you turn left?
5 P.O.MONDRAGON: I turn left, yeah.
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7 KILLEN: Okay and then you turn around --
8 P.O.MONDRAGON: I do a kind of like a U turn and come back
9 onto --
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11 KILLEN: -- on Pulaski.
12 P.O.MONDRAGON: -- Pulaski yes.
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14 KILLEN: And then what happens, which way do you go?
15 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh when I come back onto Pulaski I'm going
16 south and as I'm approaching 41st Street I see the
17 offender he's uh running. And uh there's another
18 squad car coming towards us. So we're kinda
19 goin' like this. And then 45 Robert's going
20 around them.
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22 KILLEN: Okay. So the offender is he on the sidewalk or
23 is he in the street?
24 P.O.MONDRAGON: He's on the, on the middle of the street.
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26 KILLEN: And he's going --
27 P.O.MONDRAGON: On the intersection.
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29 KILLEN: So he's on Pulaski?
30 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yeah he's running.
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32 KILLEN: Which direction is he goin'?

1 P.O.MONDRAGON: Uh southbound.
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3 KILLEN: Okay so you're behind him goin' south?
4 P.O.MONDRAGON: We're yeah. I'm right behind.
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6 KILLEN: And who's comin' atcha?
7 P.O.MONDRAGON: Believe, well now I know it's 22.
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9 KILLEN: Oh okay.
10 P.O.MONDRAGON: Afternoons they were facin' this way.
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12 KILLEN: Okay so what happens as your, so you're goin'
13 south. You're, you're basically followin' the
14 offender.
15 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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17 KILLEN: Okay and when you see the offender that's the
18 first time you see the offender then right when
19 he's on Pulaski?
20 P.O.MONDRAGON: Oh I saw 'em as soon as I come out on
21 Pulaski. I saw 'em he was running. So once I
22 got closer yes.
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24 KILLEN: Did you see 'em with a knife in his hand?
25 P.O.MONDRAGON: I, at first I just saw 'em goin' like this.
26 Wavin' his hand up and down, up and down. Until
27 I got closer that's when I saw the knife.
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29 KILLEN: Okay. So as you get closer you see a knife, what
30 happens then?
31 P.O.MONDRAGON: Um as I get closer you know um he's waving
32 the knife. He's movin' around. He's like not

1 completely running but he's like I don't know
2 jogging, I could say. And as we come you know
3 I'm right behind 'em next thing you know I hear
4 um, I see officers um Walsh get outta their
5 vehicle and I hear them say drop the knife, drop
6 the knife, drop the knife. And he's just you
7 know wavin' it. And then that's when I hear
8 shots fired. (noise)
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10 KILLEN: Was the offender facin' Officer Walsh and his
11 partner when, when he was wavin' that (inaudible)
12 and all that?
13 P.O.MONDRAGON: Honestly I, I (noise) how would I recall.
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15 KILLEN: Okay. And then you, you hear drop the knife,
16 drop the knife.
17 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yeah several times. They said drop the
18 knife, drop the knife.
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20 KILLEN: And in, are you still moving, you still driving?
21 P.O.MONDRAGON: I'm still move, slowly cause we, like I said
22 we were right behind 'em. So I'm drivin' slowly
23 right behind 'em as he's runnin'. (noise)
24
25 KILLEN: So then (noise) and then you hear the gunshots
26 correct?
27 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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29 KILLEN: At that time did you know who was shooting?
30 P.O.MONDRAGON: No.
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1 KILLEN: You didn't see like muzzle flashes or see nothin'
2 like that?
3 P.O.MONDRAGON: No.
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5 KILLEN: Okay. Uh and you heard more than one gunshot?
6 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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8 KILLEN: If you had to guess at how many you heard?
9 P.O.MONDRAGON: Several.
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11 KILLEN: And what happens after you hear those gunshots?
12 P.O.MONDRAGON: After I hear the you know I'm like I said
13 I'm still moving and I see the offender drop
14 down. And um honestly after that it's just I
15 remember I got out of the car and actually I
16 turned this way cause I saw traffic comin' our
17 way. So I went over there and put my flashlight
18 so they could start going the other, you know
19 like turning around. I didn't want 'em to come
20 towards where the officers were.
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22 KILLEN: That's the traffic from behind you?
23 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yeah.
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25 KILLEN: So it woulda been comin' from the expressway?
26 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yeah the --
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28 KILLEN: Okay so you go north on Pulaski and direct
29 traffic?
30 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes I get outta the, my vehicle and I turn
31 around and I see the traffic coming that's when I
32 start.

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2 KILLEN: All right. And at the time you didn't know who
3 was shooting correct?
4 P.O.MONDRAGON: No.
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6 KILLEN: Okay. All right is there anything you'd like to
7 add?
8 P.O.MONDRAGON: No.
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10 KILLEN: And everything you told me is a true and accurate
11 account of what occurred?
12 P.O.MONDRAGON: Yes.
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14 KILLEN: All right this will conclude the audio recorded
15 interview of Officer uh Janet Mondragon regarding
16 Log number 1072125 U number 14 dash 36. Today is
17 the 21st of October 2014 and the time is
18 approximately 0540 hours.

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4 I, CAROL A. O'LEARY, do hereby certify or affirm that
5 I have impartially transcribed the foregoing from an audio
6 recording of the above-mentioned proceeding to the best of
7 my ability.

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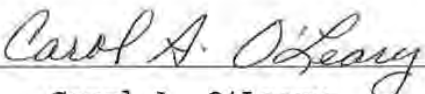
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